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1. THERE IS A TREND IN THE US TOWARD INCREASED UTILIZATION OF AROMATIC POLYAMIDE FIBERS IN THE PRODUCTION OF "SAFETY" TEXTILE GOODS FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES. SUCH TEXTILES ARE NOT ONLY FLAME RESISTANT BUT ALSO ARE MORE ABRASION RESISTANT AND EASIER TO MAINTAIN, E.G., CLEAN AND REPAIR, THAN GLASS TEXTILE GOODS. HENCE, CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS ARE EMPLOYING THE AROMATIC POLYAMIDE TEXTILES FOR VARIOUS INTERIOR USES, E.G. UPHOLSTERY, DRAPERIES, FLOOR COVERINGS, ETC. THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL, BECAUSE THE MATERIAL COSTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO THE POINT WHERE THE SUBJECT TEXTILE GOODS ARE BEING USED FOR CHILDREN'S NIGHTWEAR, WELDERS' OR FOUNDRYMEN'S WORK CLOTHING, PROTECTIVE UNIFORMS FOR FIRE-
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FIGHTERS, AUTORACING DRIVERS' SUITS, AND HOSPITAL PAJAMAS

AND BEDCLOTHING.

2. OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THE AROMATIC POLYAMIDE TEXTILES
ARE LESS COSTLY THAN GLASS. FURTHERMORE, GLASS TEXTILES
WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE FOR UPHOLSTERY OR FLOOR COVERINGS. ROGERS

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